2010 Summer Internship

Capital Case Unit

U.S. Department of Justice Washington D.C.



The Capital Case Unit of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice has positions available for summer interns. The Capital Case Unit assists the Attorney General's Capital Case Review Committee in formulating recommendations whether to seek the death penalty against eligible defendants. The unit also provides litigation support to ongoing capital prosecutions across the country. Summer Interns work directly with attorneys on issues pertaining to cases under department capital review as well as issues pertaining to capital prosecutions. Summer Interns will also attend Capital Review Committee Conferences.

The positions are unpaid. Also, because of the sensitive nature of the work, applicants must pass a background check before a formal offer for an internship can be extended. Summer internships are full-time and last ten to twelve weeks.

Applicants for law internship positions must be enrolled in law school and have: (1) a strong academic background; (2) excellent research and writing skills; and (3) a sincere interest in criminal law.

Applicants should e-mail (preferred) or fax a cover letter, resume, legal writing sample (10 pages or less), and law school transcript to:

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The application period closes on March 1, 2010. However, we schedule interviews on a rolling basis beginning as early as December 1, 2009, and thus encourage interested students to submit applications as early as possible. For more information, contact us.

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